



This term, we are focusing our learning around **Explorers!**



Through our topic of EXPLORERS, we will be learning about real events focusing on empathising with real life explorers. The children will be visited by 'Helen Sharman', who asks for the children's help. She was the first British Astronaut in space but has been written out of history. Can the children help to let everyone know about her adventure in space?

In **Literacy**, we will be learning to write about real events by learning about Helen Sharman and Scott of the Antarctic. We will learn about their adventures and write recounts, fact files and diary entries from what we find out. We will be researching our explorers by reading non-fiction books and using the internet on the computers and Ipads to retrieve information.



In **Maths**, we will be continuing to learn about money and moving onto learning about multiplication and division. Within all mathematical learning experiences, the children will be encouraged to use physical resources and drawings (jottings) to help with their understanding.

In **History**, we will be finding out about the adventures of Helen Sharman and Scott of the Antarctic. We will be learning about what they did and when in the past it happened.

**PE** this term is about focusing on gymnastics. We will be learning to perform a sequence of movements with control and co-ordination. Please remember to bring named PE kits to school.

In **Art and Design Technology**, we will be exploring sketching. We will be learning how to use shading with pencils, pastels and charcoal.

In **Computing**, we will be focusing on computer skills needed for programming. We will be writing simple algorithms using the 2Go software in the computer suite.

This term the children will have the opportunity to make a film with the Ramsgate Film Festival. We learn about the history of cinema before planning and filming our storyboards over three workshops. Our filmmaking experience will develop our understanding of technology as we will be using a variety of different equipment to film and edit.

In **PSHE**, we will be continuing with our Zones of Regulation learning, which helps the children understand their emotions.

As we are preparing your children for the big jump to Year 3 next year, please can we ask that you continue to read every day with your child and ask them comprehension style questions to build confidence and understanding?

Looking forward to another exciting term,

The Year 2 team  
Miss Halford and Miss Bartlett.